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THE LEGO CLUB

Dive
into the
**ALL
NEW**

AQUAZONE



new
Possibilities

ALL NEW Deep-Sea Adventures

AQUAZONE

Hang onto your snorkel as you team up with the Aquanauts in search of the precious crystal that provides oxygen for the undersea world. But be on the lookout for the Aquasharks! They'll stop at nothing to take all the crystals for themselves.

6155 Deep Sea Predator: Fins ahoy! With special magnetic arm and robotic claw, this scowling sub is a lean, mean crystal grabbing machine.

6175 Crystal Explorer Sub: This slick submersible easily scoops up oxygen crystals with its magnetic arm. The sub's working compass shows even a rookie Aquanaut how to find the great 8-armed guardian of the oxygen crystals!

There's lots of deep-sea fun in this issue. Check page 7 for some octopus info that'll really grab you! See you in the comic pages, where I really dive into action!

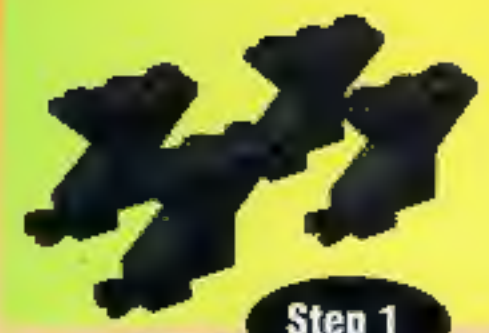
6195 Neptune Discovery Lab: This place is better than an underwater mall. The lab has its own crystal harvesting sub. A handy crane unloads crystals and puts them on a conveyor for processing. There's even an octopus security guard!



Maniac Mail Bag

Send your stories and ideas to:
LEGO Club
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083

If you flip
this you can
build it!



Step 1
Flip N'Build



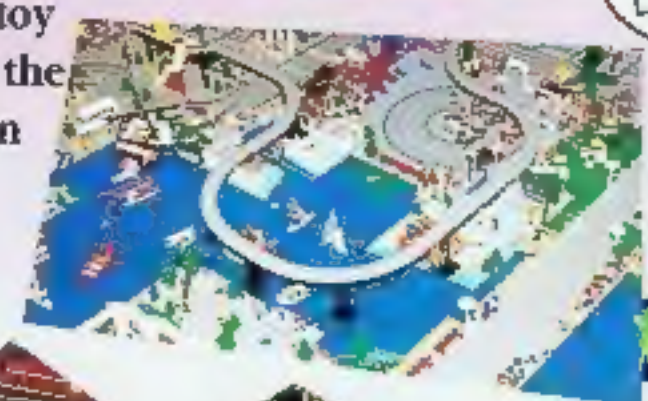
My name is Allison Caldwell. I am fourteen years old and am an

avid LEGO builder. I have been building since I was about five years old. I enjoy building houses out of LEGO pieces and then furnishing them. I get some of my ideas for houses in house plan magazines.

I also like doing the little details on the exterior of the building as well as the interior. My creations are all in one large LEGO town in my basement. A variety of my LEGO buildings are going to be in a toy store window at the Columbia Mall, in Maryland.



Now that's
LEGO MANIA!



COOL CREATIONS

HEY, LEGO Club members! Aaron Waller, age 10 of Lewistown, Montana designed this awesome Wagon Train. Try building your own wagon out of the pieces in your collection. GOOD LUCK!!



On The "Chuck" Wagon



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

Step 4



Step 6



Step 5



Horses shown in model can be found in LEGO SYSTEM™ Castle sets. Wheels shown are in: #6043 Dragon Defender, #6056 Dragon Wagon & #1746 Majisto's Treasure.

Step 7



More Cool Creations on page 10!

Exploring the Aquazone



Flip N' Build

Step 2

Sea Sprint 3

Just like
real deep sea
explorers,
these LEGO
Aquanaut
vessels have
robot arms
to grab
things!

Crystal
Explorer Sub

Okay, LEGO Maniacs,
get ready for thrilling
adventures in the
Aquazone! Hang onto
your Sea Sprint
because we're diving into
the real Aquazone — the
world at the bottom of
the sea.

To get there, let's take a
ride in Alvin, a real life
scientific submarine
called a "submersible."
Hop in with two of your
friends. Make that two
of your best friends
because it is a very
small submarine. Rev up
the engines to cruising
speed and you're on your
way to the bottom of
the sea.

MORE ON NEXT PAGE



Feature Story

continued...

The ocean floor is a lot like the earth's surface - only on a bigger scale. It contains mountains, valleys, and ridges. One mountain range is 40,000 miles long and higher than the Rocky Mountains! It is like one long volcano.

First, we have to go through the upper ocean — water filled with hurricanes, tidal waves, and things that may want to eat you. And that's the easy part of a deep-sea quest. As you dive deeper, you quickly run out of light. Then the familiar animals gradually disappear.

Most of the creatures at the bottom of the sea have built-in lights that glow, flash, and twinkle. Scientists often turn off Alvin's lights and enjoy an underwater light show! Most deep-sea fish are small and have few bones so they can survive the water pressure. Some deep-sea animals have relatives in shallow water such as squid, octopus, and worms.

Neptune
Discovery
Lab

Diving along
an under-
water
mountain

In the future, people may rely more on the oceans for food, fuel and shelter. Underwater fish farms may become a major source of food. The oceans are full of minerals like gold, copper, and nickel, so eventually there may be underwater mining centers. There are even underwater houses and museums being designed.

For now, the Aquazone is all yours for the exploring: discover fascinating sea creatures, uncover pirate gold, or climb an underwater mountain to the Lost Continent of Atlantis.

After that brief but breathtaking tour, come up for air, and dock your Sea Sprint. If you came up with a brilliant idea for building a fantastic Aquazone model, just do it! Then send in a picture of your model for other LEGO Maniacs to see. You can even enter it in this issue's Building Challenge.

Special thanks to Dr. David Gallo of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution for providing research and photos.

Over 100 years ago, author Jules Verne wrote about a nuclear powered submarine called the Nautilus, in his book "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

OCTOPUSES OR OCTOPI?

It doesn't matter what you call them, just stay away from the big ones. Luckily, most octopuses are under 2 feet. The 30-foot monsters are the ones to watch out for.



Flip N' Build

Step 3

THE

BUILDING
CHALLENGE

You've gotta get in the "zone" for this building challenge — the Aquazone!

Take your choice of projects: create a submersible, an underwater lab, a real or imaginary sea creature, or anything else you can imagine that has to do with the undersea world. Any single LEGO set or combination of sets is allowed, but your model has to be original. The sea holds many secrets — let's see what you have on the drawing board for the deep blue! Send a photo of your LEGO Aquazone creation by March 25, 1995 to:

Aquazone Building Challenge
P.O. Box 1308,
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Be sure to include:

- Your name, age, address, and model name
- The number and names of the LEGO sets you used

Look for photos of the top entries in an upcoming issue of Mania Magazine.

Photos can't be returned, so make sure to take an extra one for yourself.

Peter Stover of Atlanta, GA shares his latest creation, the "Deep Diving Bell"



Octopuses and squid are the biggest, most intelligent of all the invertebrates (animals without backbones). Most octopuses live alone in rocky dens on the ocean bottom in shallow water. They crawl on the ocean floor by using the suckers on their arms. If they want to travel in a hurry, they can shoot jets of water out of their bodies to blast through the seas.

Octopi use their tentacles to catch shrimp, crabs and mussels. They draw their prey into their mouth which has a horny "beak" for cutting and saliva that contains poison.

The octopus has several fierce enemies including the moray eel and the conger eel. To escape, they can shoot a cloud of black ink to confuse the enemy. First the ink stays in the shape of the octopus. Then the ink confuses the enemy's sense of smell, allowing the octopus to escape undetected. During a battle, if an octopus loses one or more arms, it isn't too concerned because they quickly grow back. No wonder no one wants to mess with an octopus guarding crystals in the Aquazone.



The Deep Sea Predator...look familiar!!

In the 1950's sci-fi movie "It Came From Beneath the Sea", a giant Octopus was so big it destroyed the Golden Gate Bridge.



Send a Photo of your
LEGO Model to:

LEGOmania

FOR KIDS
BY KIDS

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Remember to include your
name, address, age and
model name. Pictures will
not be returned.



Rachel Staver
Age 7



Jake Gad
Age 8
Raleigh, NC
"Dog Trophy"



Christopher Gomes
Age 7
Wyckoff, NJ
"Cap'n Crunch"

Thomas Andolina
Conway, OH
"TC's 4x4"





Gabriel Lopez
Age 10
Pasadena, CA
"Ultra Orchestra"



Wayne Knoehler
Age 8
Edison, NJ
"Black Knights' Battle Cruiser"

Benjamin Bartle
Age 9
Boise, ID
"Marble Madness"



Mike Gelsler
Age 10
Miami, OH
"An Indian
Welcome"



Draw Martens
Age 7
Belfast, ME
"Pirates Cove"

Miro Sutton
Age 8
Brooklyn, NY
"Wrist Phaser"



Jacob Moniz
Age 10
La Puente, CA
"Mission San Juan Bautista"



Flip N' Build

Step 4



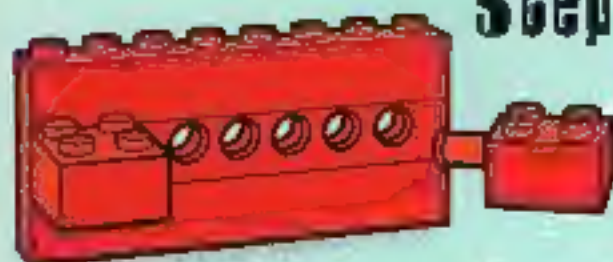
MORE

COOL CREATIONS

For Kids
By Kids



Dan Pfavtz, age 9 from Reading, PA., made this awesome creation. He named it, "The Drinking Elephant". Try making this, or some other beast from your own collection.



Step

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Make 2 sets of leg supports.

Use a LEGO TECHNIC beam in the center of each.



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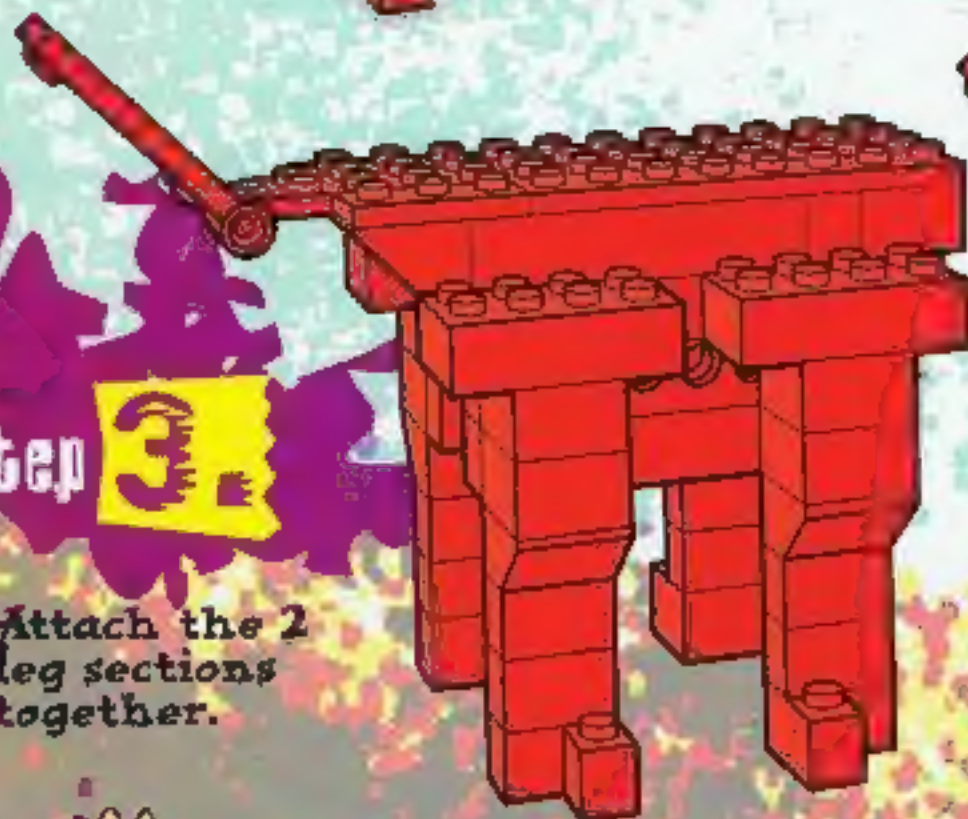
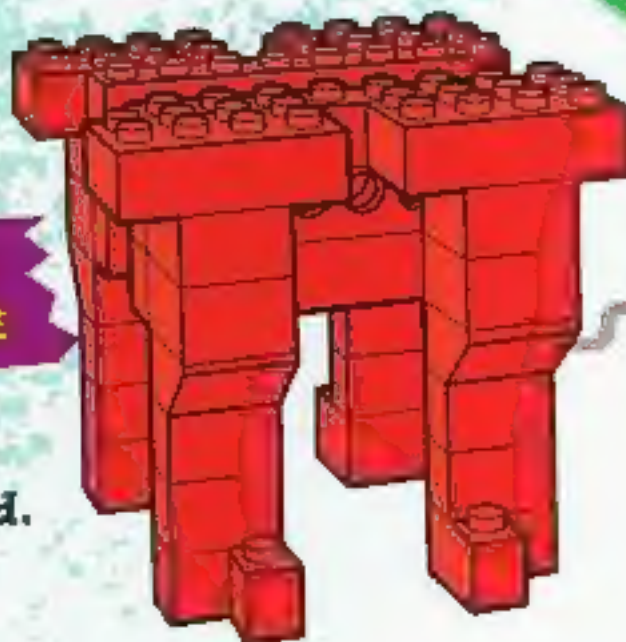
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Add 2 legs to each support.

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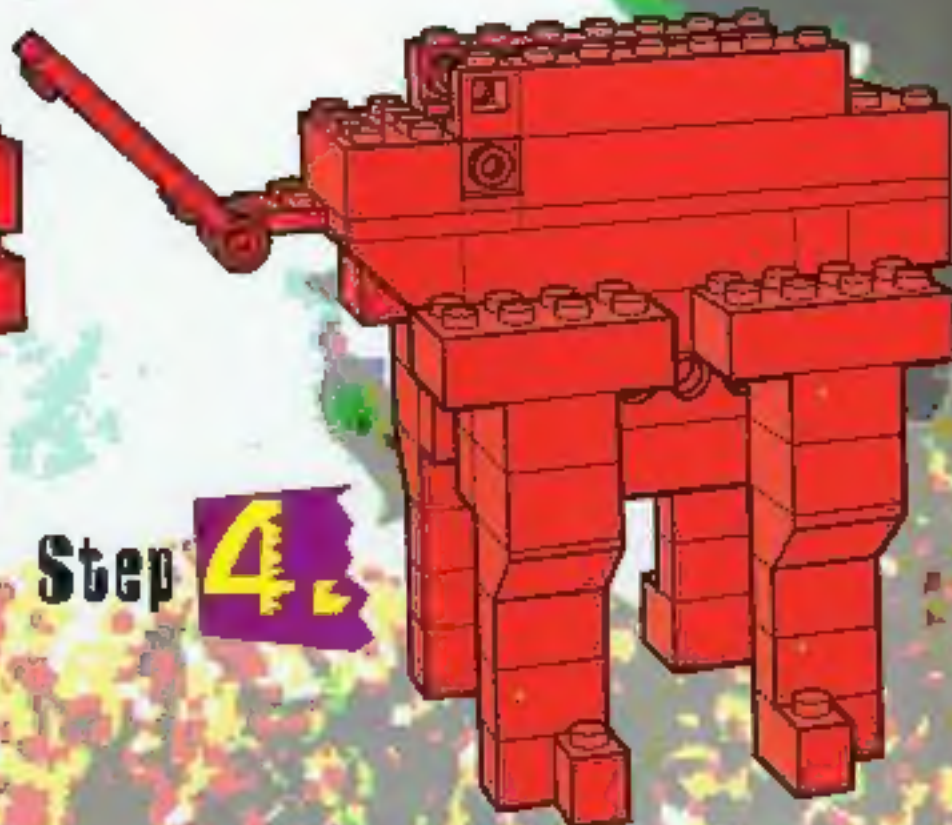
The legs are completed.



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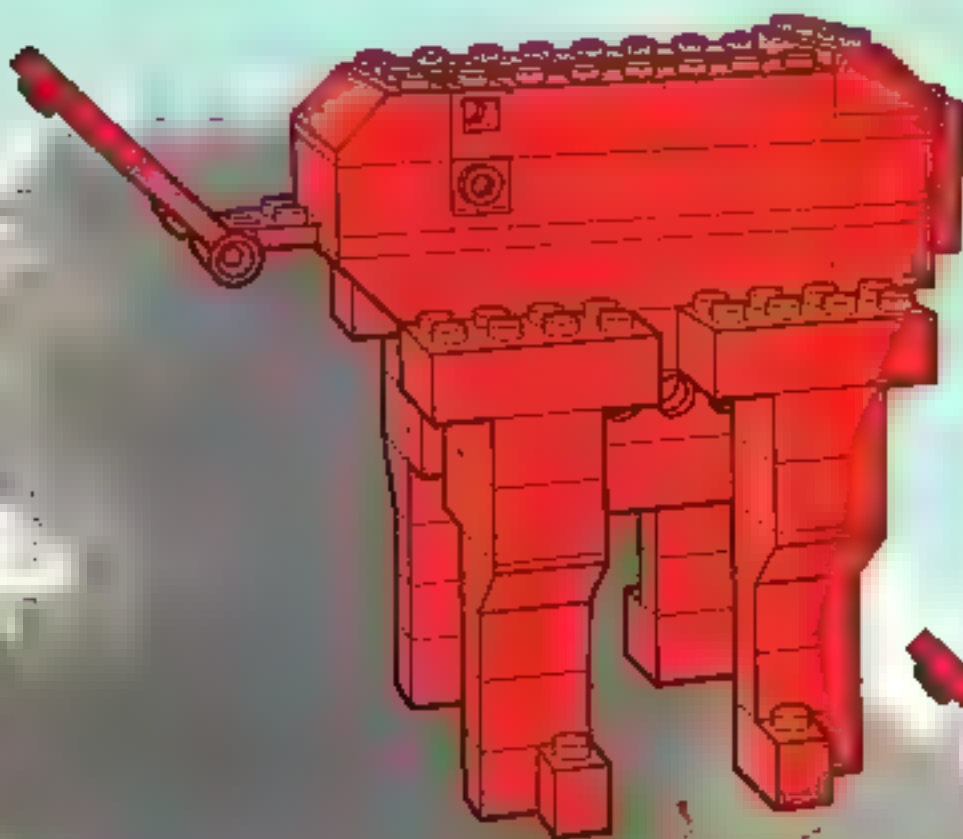
Attach the 2 leg sections together.



Step

4





Step

5

Flip N'Build

Step 5



Step

6



Step

7

The hinge pieces used for the trunk can be found in #6340 Hook & Ladder, #6571 Flame Fighters and #6898 Ice Sat V. Finish the trunk. Then add ears, eyes and tusks and your elephant is complete!

HEY! Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send in your original model-making instructions to: LEGO CLUB, "Cool Creations" P.O. Box 1308, Enfield, CT 06083.

Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice!

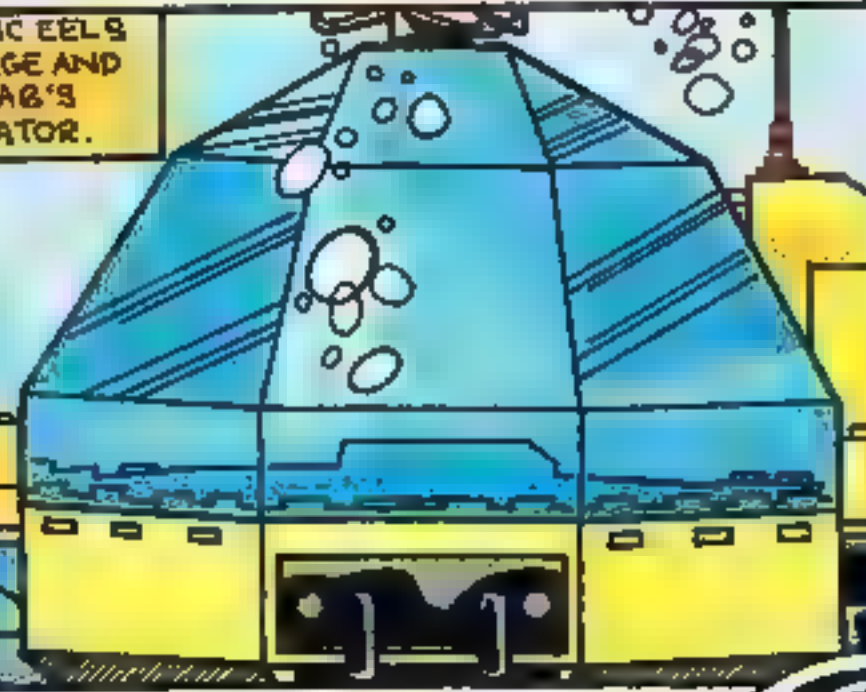
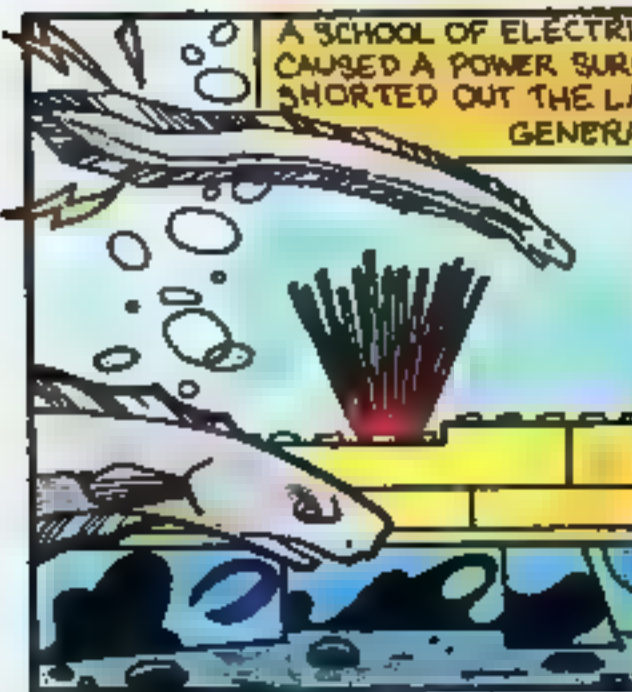


the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

A type of rare crystal supplies the power of extended underwater breathing. If any of these oxygen crystals fall into the hands of the evil Aquasharks, they could control the undersea world. It's up to the Aquanauts to protect the precious crystals!



A SCHOOL OF ELECTRIC EELS CAUSED A POWER SURGE AND SHORTED OUT THE LAB'S GENERATOR.



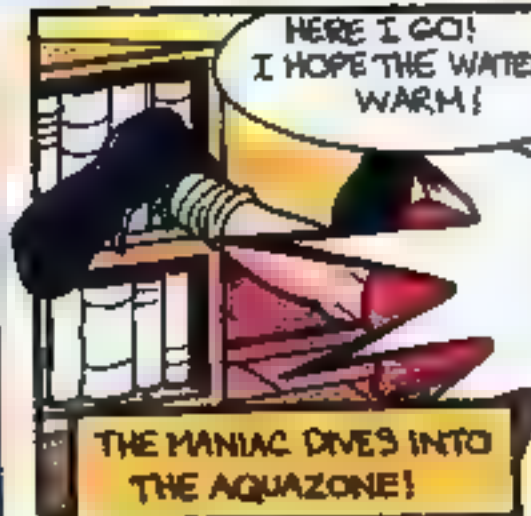
THE EXPLORER SUB WITH OUR CRYSTALS IS OUT OF RADIO RANGE. CAN ANYONE HELP US?



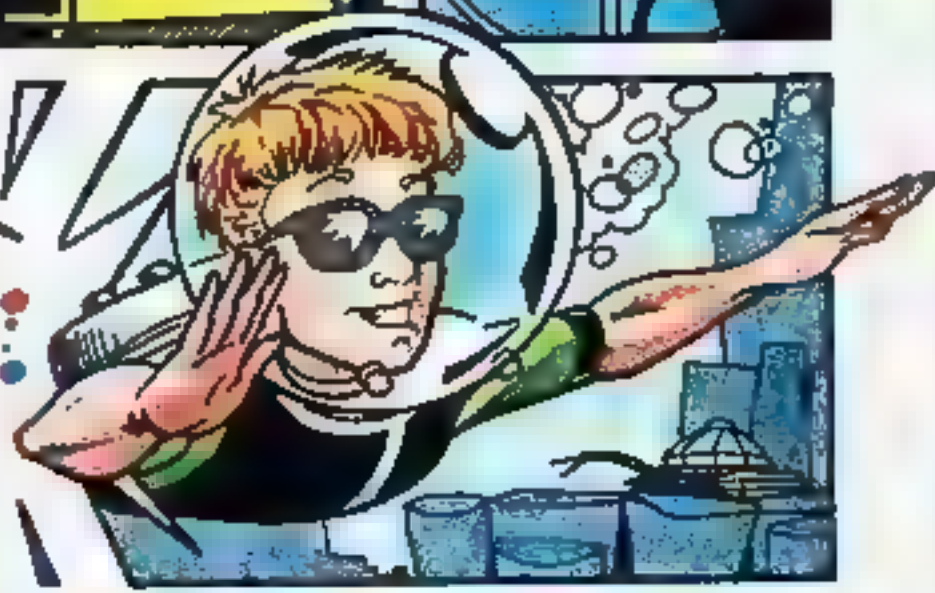
LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME TO GET A MESSAGE TO THE AQUANAUTS ON THE CRYSTAL EXPLORER SUB.



HERE I GO! I HOPE THE WATER'S WARM!



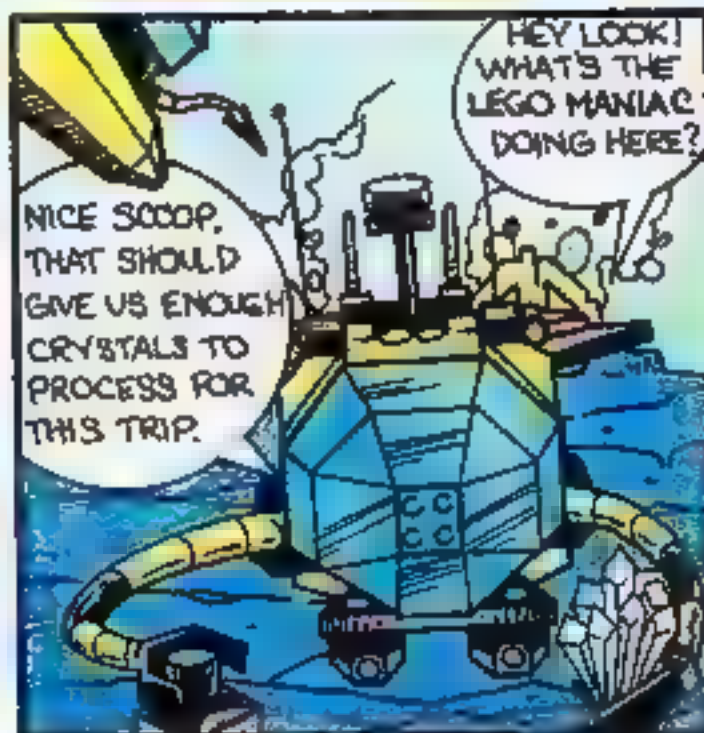
THE MANIAC DIVES INTO THE AQUAZONE!



MY SUPER FAST SEA SPRINT 9 WILL GET ME TO THE CRYSTAL EXPLORER SUB.

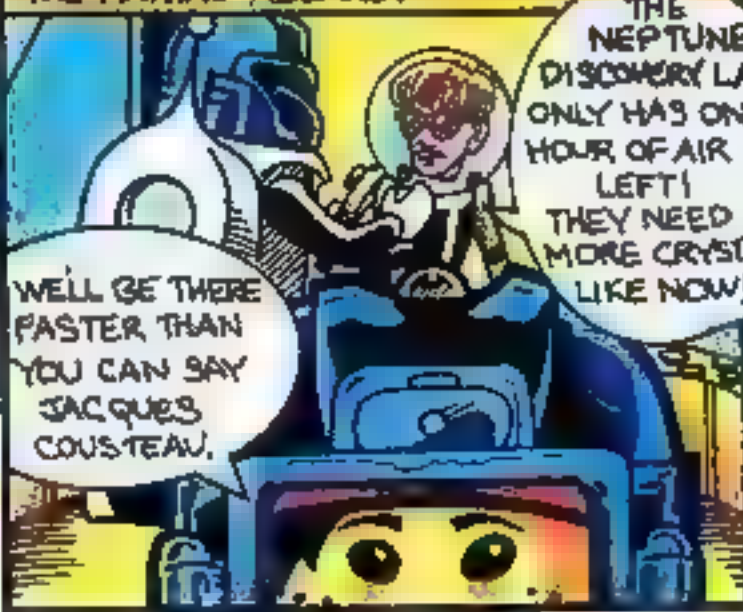


NICE SCOOP, THAT SHOULD GIVE US ENOUGH CRYSTALS TO PROCESS FOR THIS TRIP.



HEY LOOK! WHAT'S THE LEGO MANIAC DOING HERE?

THE SEA SPRINT 9 AND CRYSTAL EXPLORER SUB HAVE DOCKED. THE AQUANAUTS HELP THE MANIAC ABOARD.



THE NEPTUNE DISCOVERY LAB ONLY HAS ONE HOUR OF AIR LEFT! THEY NEED MORE CRYSTALS LIKE NOW!

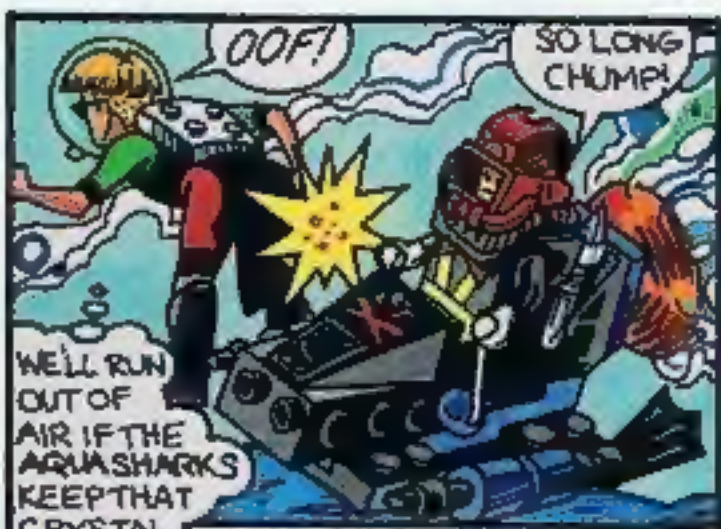
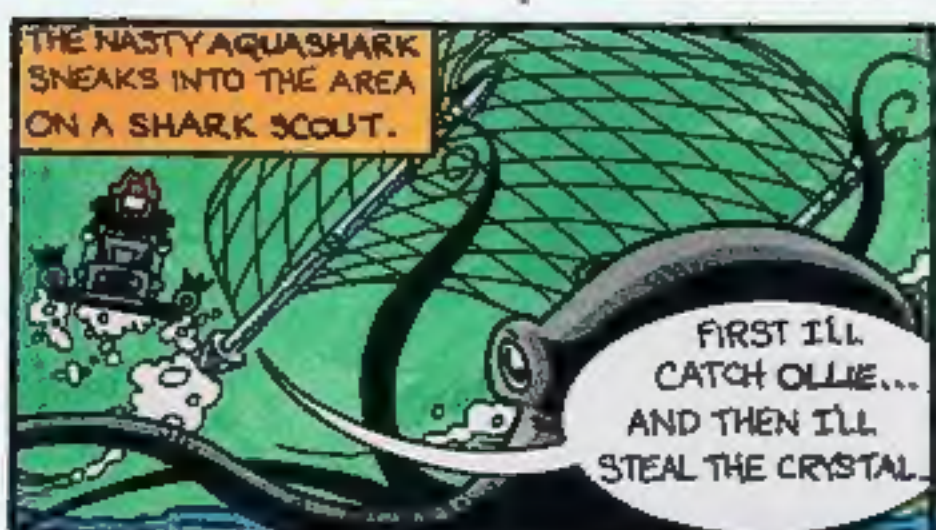
WE'LL BE THERE FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY JACQUES COUSTEAU.

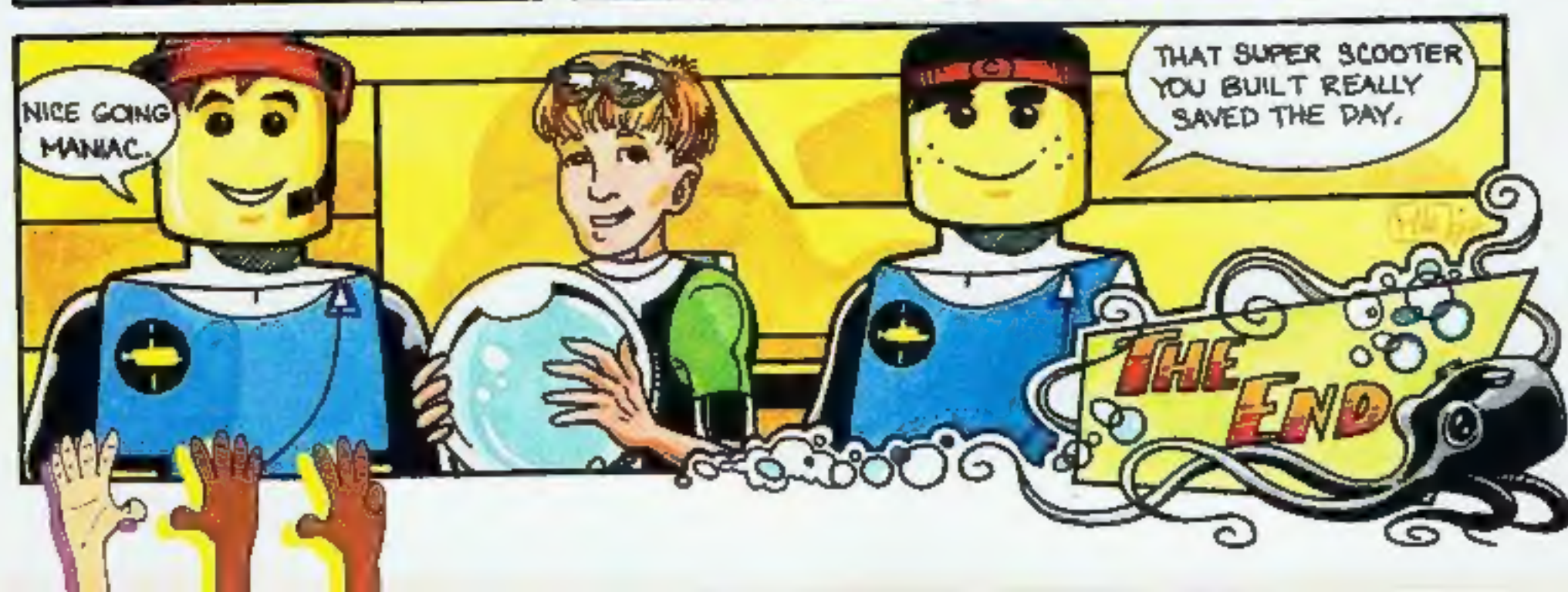
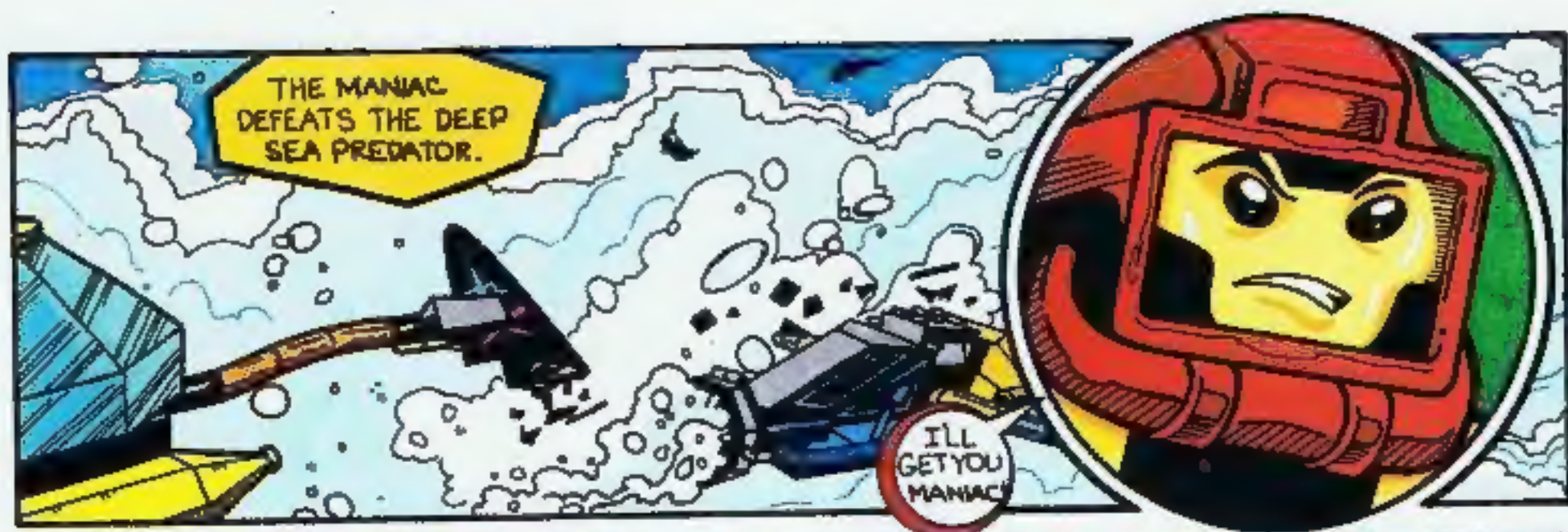


BACK AT THE LAB...

WHILE THE AQUANAUTS FIX THE OXYGEN GENERATOR, THE LEGO MANIAC AND OLLIE THE OCTOPUS UNLOAD THE OXYGEN-RICH CRYSTALS.

Congratulations!
Your Dragon is
complete!





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COUNT THE CRYSTALS & CAPTURE A PRIZE!



This
is what
you should look
for! Yes, this one
counts

Can you find all the oxygen-giving crystals in the magazine? Look everywhere: in the comic, on the cover, between pictures and under octopuses. Members with the correct count could win a LEGO set of their choice!

LEGO Set Prizes!



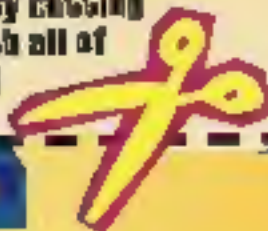
Bonus Challenge!

Fill in the name of the Aquazone Crystal on the entry form. Guess it correctly and you could win another LEGO set! You'll find the crystal's name by lifting up the box lid of #6195 Neptune Discovery Lab or looking on the back of the box for #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub. If you don't have these sets, dash to the closest LEGO dealer and sneak a peek at these new Aquazone sets.

Here's How to Enter:

Just fill in your name, address, crystal count and crystal name on the Contest Entry Form, clip it out, and mail it to the address shown by March 25, 1995.

If you don't want to wreck your magazine, by cutting out the Entry Form, send us a post card with all of the same information to the address below!



Count the Crystals Entry Form

I found _____ crystals in this Mania Magazine.

Bonus Question:

The name of the Aquazone crystal is _____

My Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Age _____

Send your completed entry
by March 25, 1995 to:

Count the Crystals Contest
LEGO Mania Magazine
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The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct crystal count will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 retail value). If any of those 10 winners have the correct crystal name for the Bonus Challenge, they will win a second LEGO set of their choice. That means you could win 2 LEGO sets worth up to \$200!

Entries must be postmarked by March 25, 1995, and received by March 31, 1995. LEGO Systems, Inc. will only send to each winner a LEGO Building Set which is properly age-graded for the recipient. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. © 1995 LEGO Group.